Rubber Restriction Scheme.

149. *MR. P. SIVARAMA PILLAI (*Minachil* cum *Todupuzha*): Will the Government be pleasedto state whether they propose to participate in the renewed Rubber Restriction Scheme?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: Yes.

Construction of a bridge across the Vaikathillathil thodu.

150. *MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have sanctioned the construction of a bridge across the Vaikathillathil thodu on the Padiyadi-Neerattupuram road in the Tiruvella taluk;

(*b*) whether any provision has been made in the budget for the construction of the bridge referred to in (*a*); and

(*c*) the progress thus far made by the department in the construction of the bridge and the amount spent, if any?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Piles have been screwed down and the girders fitted on them. Dry rubble pitching on the western approach has been finished and the approach road also almost completed. A sum of Rs. 2,030 has been spent to date.

Construction of a bridge at Arattimkel.

151. *MR. E. P. VARGHESE (*Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*): Will the Government be pleased to state what steps, if any, have been taken for the construction of a bridge at Arattimkel on the Shertala-Arattimkel cross road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: An estimate for the construction of the bridge has been prepared by the Public Works Department.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know when the estimates were prepared?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: In October 1936.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know the amount estimated?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: I think it is Rs. 5,150.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know when the road was completed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: I claim notice.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: Is the Chief Engineer aware that 12 years have elapsed since the road was completed?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Sir, I am glad to find that the honourable member is able to answer his own question.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know whether there was any persistent demand for a bridge on that road?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Yes, Sir.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know why funds were not set apart for the construction of a bridge?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT: Funds were not available.

MR. E. P. VARGHESE: May I know when the honourable member expects to get funds?

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